



Completion Report

UGA-JEN-CDP-P01 Mbale, Uganda
Reporting Period: December 2017 – May 2018

Village Coffee Processing - Uganda

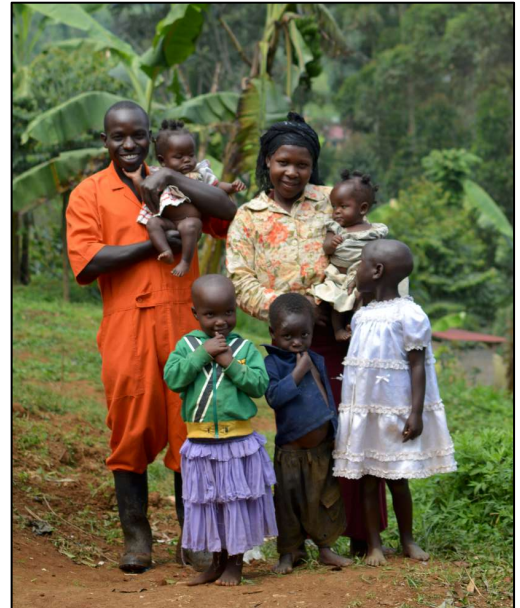
Budget: \$57,310 – fully funded!

Update:

In 2016 we provided our partners with funds to establish a coffee cooperative on Mt Elgon, near Mbale in eastern Uganda. As a result, four coffee processing centres and a drying centre were established and the first full crop was harvested with great results – engaged and motivated farmers, a high-quality crop with a better than expected yield and evidence of a viable business model. This project builds on the success of 2016/7, providing improved drying structures and process, improvements to two washing stations and further training for farmers on organic cultivation principles.

We are pleased to report that the final six months of the project has been very successful, noting that the majority of work was undertaken during the coffee season in the first half of this project:

- The green coffee (raw) was successfully exported to Melbourne, more than double the amount sent in 2016
- New customers have been established in New York (USA) and Oxford and Cardiff (UK) – an exciting development which is employing other disadvantaged people in these locations
- Our partners paid a bonus as promised to the hard-working farmers. Being able to deliver a bonus (second payment) to farmers during the time of year when hunger is a real issue is having a significant effect on communities. Farmers are delighted with the outcome and have faith in our partners to deliver
- More Ugandan cafes in general are now serving and selling the Zukura Bora coffee brand
- The coffee roasting part of the business (approx. 15% of all coffee produced) will be moved closer to Mbale at end of 2018. This will help logistically to be closer to the base for the project



Going forward, our partners are investigating setting up a very small dry mill facility in Mbale and will investigate the options for obtaining their own export license. Currently, both of these are done by third parties which can be problematic and can affect the quality of the coffee. Our partners decided to delay the plans for Budwale village where a new washing station was planned due to the poor condition of the roads. They are continuing to advocate for this with the Prime Minister's office in Kampala. The funds were instead used to launch a processing site at Sipi Falls. Our partners are looking at options to open a café at Sipi Falls, a popular tourist destination in Uganda.

Our partners report *“Over 4,500 people have benefited from this project – coffee farmers and their families and employees/casual workers. We are staggered at the rate of growth of this project and the benefit it has to communities. We are striving to set up this business on a firm foundation for years to come. We are going to expand the varieties of coffee, so popular in foreign markets. We are also looking to expand our infrastructure to handle greater volumes of coffee.”*

We are grateful for your support of this exceptional project where our partners and the community are working together and are at the heart of it.” The next coffee project is called “Growing Coffee Capacity”!